



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 344	Assembly Substitute Amendments 1 and 2
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2003 Assembly Bill 344 prohibits the University of Wisconsin System and all private colleges and universities in Wisconsin from permitting an undergraduate student to occupy a dormitory or residence hall unless: (1) the student provides proof that he or she has been vaccinated against meningococcal disease within 12 months of the initial occupancy of the dormitory or residence hall; or (2) the college or university has provided detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of vaccines against the disease and the student (or his or her parent or guardian, if the student is a minor) affirms that he or she has reviewed the information and has chosen not to be vaccinated.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 requires only that all colleges and universities in Wisconsin provide detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and the availability and effectiveness of vaccines against the disease to a student (or his or her parent or guardian, if the student is a minor) before the student's initial occupancy of a dormitory or residence hall. Under the substitute amendment, a student is not required to provide proof of vaccination or sign a waiver before they may occupy a dormitory or residence hall.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 requires all colleges and universities in Wisconsin to do all of the following:

1. Annually provide to each enrolled student, or to the parent or guardian of a minor student, detailed information on the risks associated with meningococcal disease and hepatitis B and the availability and effectiveness of vaccines against the diseases.
2. Require each student, or the parent or guardian of a minor student, who lives in a dormitory or residence hall, to affirm that the student has received the information described under 1., above.
3. Require each student who lives in a dormitory or residence hall to affirm whether he or she

has been vaccinated against meningococcal disease or hepatitis B, and to provide the date of the vaccination or vaccinations, if any.

4. Maintain a confidential record of the affirmations and the dates of the vaccinations.

The substitute amendment does not require a student to provide proof of vaccination or sign a waiver before they may occupy a dormitory or residence hall.

The substitute amendment specifies that it does not require a college or university to provide or pay for vaccinations against meningococcal disease or hepatitis B.

Legislative History

2003 Assembly Bill 344 was introduced by Representative Kreibich and others; cosponsored by Senator Schultz and others. It was referred to the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, which held a public hearing on the bill on May 20, 2003. On June 11, 2003, the committee introduced ***Assembly Substitute Amendment 1*** and voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 4, and to recommend passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 was offered by Representatives Kreibich, Underheim, and Schneider and adopted by the Assembly on a voice vote on June 24, 2003. On that date, the Assembly also passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote.

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